he cannot soar to the heavenly regions of purity and peace; and that if he seek, Icarus-like, to mount by earthly means, his flight may only make his fall the more lamentable.

Nor is our argument exhausted. The difficulties are seen to be immeasurably increased, when we consider, that man has not only holy dispositions to cultivate, but sinful dispositions to conquer. The carnal thoughts and feelings found in such rank luxuriance, all spring up with a native and spontaneous power. We think that we have succeeded, at some particular time in destroying them ; but, like noxious weeds, whose roots are interwoven with the soil, and whose seeds are scattered throughout it, when cut down in one quarter they speedily spring up in another. But should there be some one, confident that he can subdue them all in his own strength, we encourage him to make the effort. Let him say to his unruly thoughts and passions, " Thus far, but no farther, and here shall thy proud waves be stayed," and mark if the waters will roll back at his command.

There will be times, indeed, when, removed from excitement and temptation, he may think that he is succeeding; at their natural ebb, the waters may seem to be obeying him, and fleeing as if in terror. But when they begin to flow in full tide, he will not be able to master them ; and they will roll over him, with as little regard to his commands as the waves once rolled over the feet of the Danish monarch, who showed his courtiers, when they were seeking to give him too exalted an idea of his power, how little control he had over nature without him, by an experiment not unlike that which we have instituted to show how little control we have over nature within us.

This evil, then, the evil of man's inability to raise himself, we find pressing upon our notice in all directions; and to meet it, we find the revealed redemption proffering the supernatural aid of the Spirit of God.

SECT. IV.—SAME SUBJECT CONTINUED—MEANS OF APPLYING THE AID.

We are BOW to mark the appropriateness of the method in which the aid is dispensed. It is in admirable adaptation to the constitution of man. The four indestructible principles in the